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for

1 thru 31 October 1951

Assigned to: 2d Infantry Division
APO 248 US Army

FRANK T. MILDREN
Colonel Infantry
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

for period of 1 thru 31 October 1951

Commencing the month of October the 38th Infantry, although with units in contact with the enemy, was in the process of consolidating its units, training, reorganization and rehabilitation in preparation for future operations.

Besides organic units the Regiment had attached to it the Netherland Detachment; Company C, Second Engineer Battalion; the 109th Korean Regiment and the 54th Counter Fire Platoon. The 38th Field Artillery was in direct support.

On the first day of October the First Battalion was located in the vicinity of Hill 868 (DT179985). Second Battalion's positions were in the vicinity of (DT131278), and the Third Battalion was in the vicinity (DT1626).

On the morning of 1 October, Companies B and D received mortar and artillery fire from vicinity (DT172382) - this was the only enemy activity reported on the first day of the month.

On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October reserve and support units of the regiment moved north forming a line from (DT087132) to (DT104263).

Company F dispatched a two squad patrol to reconnoiter Hill 485, in the vicinity (DT1235), at 1300 hours, on 4 October, as no enemy were reported after patrol reached its objective the remainder of Company F with one heavy machine gun platoon from Company H attached, moved out and secured the position. Company E moved from vicinity (DT153565) to (DT153559) where they received heavy mortar and artillery fire, however, they were closed in their forward assembly area by 1730 hours. The Netherland Detachment closed positions on Hill 582, vicinity (DT1033), at 1730 hours. Tanks were dispatched at 0930 hours and again at 1900 hours to fire on (DT163760) and (DT105384). Company C moved up at 1615 hours and occupied position left vacant by Company E (DT115365).
On 5 October 1951, the First Battalion attacked at 2100 hours and proceeded to capture objective "C" without opposition, and secured Hill 728 by 1315 hours, on 6 October 1951. They then proceeded to consolidate and extend their boundaries to the north and east making contact with elements of the 23rd Infantry.

At 0600 hours, on 6 October, Company E commenced moving towards Objective "X" and by 0845 hours had secured Objective "X" vicinity (DT116368). However, they were forced to withdraw due to heavy mortar and small arms fire, but by 1500 hours had again secured Objective "X".

On the 7th of October, with one platoon of the 72d Tank Battalion attached, the 38th was ordered to continue its advance and seize objectives "G" (DT065395) - (DT091389), "K" (DT1040) and "W" (DT0740), and to maintain one battalion formed and prepared for employment. At 1100 hours the Second Battalion with one heavy weapons platoon of the Netherland Detachment successfully assaulted Hill 636. The Second Battalion continued at 1400 hours on the 7th for Objective "Y", however, by 1500 hours Company "G" was forced to withdraw due to automatic weapons, small arms, and mortar fire. The Third Battalion was then ordered forward and closed forward assembly area by 1110 hours on the 7th. Companies A and B at 0718201 October 1951 closed reserve positions (DT093305), Company C(-) departed Hill 728 at 1530 hours and closed with Companies A and B at 2345 hours. One platoon of Company C and Company D(-) remained on Hill 728.

At 0545 hours, on 8 October, Company A(-) of the 72d Tank Battalion moved out from Second Battalion positions to support attack on Objective "Y". They were met with heavy artillery fire, but continued advance until held up due to engineer work. The Second Battalion having previously reported holding line (DT107381) to (DT111370) and receiving small arm and mortar fire commenced moving forward at 1730 hours. They continued their advance toward Objective "Y", under heavy automatic weapons, artillery and mortar fire and seized Objective "Y" by 1315 hours. They then commenced preparing a semi-circular defense for the night.

At 0400 hours, on 9 October, the Second Battalion again moved forward towards objective, vicinity (DT095390), under enemy mortar, artillery and
machine gun fire. At 1700 hours Company F was engaged in hand to hand combat employing hand grenades and small arms fire. Company F continued the assault and at 1820 hours received a counter attack from three different directions. They were forced to withdraw to vicinity of (DT096389), from there they were ordered to pull back seventy-five yards and set up a perimeter defense. Company E suffered a probing attack lasting for fifteen minutes at 0455 hours on the 10th of October. On the morning of the 10th the Second Battalion again commenced its forward movement, however, the Second Battalion was hit by a counter attack and were forced to withdraw to vicinity of (DT097382). At 1700 hours Companies F and E had consolidated their positions and were in the vicinity of (DT102387). At 1745 hours they withdrew again to (DT099385) due to heavy mortar and machine gun fire. During this time Company G was still moving forward and was in the vicinity of (DT093387) by 1900 hours on the 10th of October, where they formed a defensive line and spent the night in relative quiet. On the 11th at 0630 hours two patrols were dispatched from Company E and one from Company F, by 0730 hours patrols had established contact and reported no enemy observed. Second Battalion again moved forward and at 0900 hours had secured Hill 905. At 1100 hours Companies E and F were in the vicinity of DT093385, cleaning out enemy bunkers and mopping up in general, after which they closed into their assembly area at 1800 hours. During this operation the 38th Tank Company fired in direct support of the Second Battalion.

Meanwhile on the 8th of October, Tank Company under the cover of smoke screen laid down by Heavy Mortar Company passed through defile in the vicinity (DT112365) and occupied firing positions vicinity (DT1037) at 1600 hours. Although under heavy artillery and mortar fire, they continued firing on observed targets on the ridge northwest of Hill 636. They continued using same stratagem until 1830 hours when they pulled back to a defensive perimeter in the vicinity of (DT1036), and remained there during the night without incident. At 0900 hours, on the 9th they departed (DT1036) and moved to vicinity of (DT1037) where they again fired on observed enemy positions.
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Their fire was very effective destroying eight to ten enemy bunkers. At 1150 hours they were firing on observed enemy targets on Hill 905, vicinity (DT0838) and continued until 1500 hours. At 0615 hours, on the 10th the 72nd Tank Battalion moved up Mundung-Ni valley, by 11 November one platoon of tanks was operating in valley west of Mundung-Ni as far as the 10th grid line.

During the period 8 to 11 October, the First Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of (DT093305) as Regimental Reserves. The Third Battalion moved out for Objective "1" at 0600 hours, on the 8th receiving only light resistance they reported they were on objective "1" by 1120 hours on that date.

Due to faulty terrain features on the map this was later discovered to be an erroneous report and at 0910 hours, on 9 October the Third Battalion was again moving forward towards Objective "1". Their position at this time was in the vicinity of (DT101384) and (DT111390) with Company I in the vicinity of (DT115364). They continued their advance moving forward under enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire. At 1235 hours they received a counter attack from the ridge line of Hill 905, and the ridge line of Hill 605. Lead elements placed artillery fire with excellent results and the battalion continued their advance. Again on the 10th the Third Battalion attacked toward their objective, mopping up fingers on Hill 605 and extended from Hill 605 to vicinity of (DT114407). The Netherland Detachment was in contact with the Third Battalion during this phase and remained with that battalion until it was relieved on the 12th, at 1800 hours, by the 9th Regiment.

On the 12th of October Company "A", 72nd Tank Battalion reached the (DT0943) grid square where they sighted and fired on observed enemy bunkers. Furthest point reached by Company C was the 43.5 grid line where they continued firing on observed enemy targets. Throughout the 12th the tanks continued firing with excellent results and at 1700 hours the tanks closed their assembly position vicinity of (DT118355).
At 1300 hours, on the 12th of October, the First Battalion(-) jumped off and after receiving small arm and automatic fire in the vicinity of (DT075396) advanced and by 1500 hours reported as having seized Hill 974. Immediately Company C was passed through Company A and launched an attack for Hill 1060, and by 1830 hours lead elements of Company C were near Hill 1060, and were receiving machine gun fire from Hill 1005. The First Battalion continued their advance and extended 1200 yards back along ridge in the vicinity of DT062399. At 1000 hours, on the 13th the First Battalion after eliminating thirty-five enemy which had infiltrated between Companies A and B, jumped from previous reported positions and immediately made contact with unknown number of enemy employing hand grenades and small arms fire. They made little progress due to heavy enemy resistance. Consolidating their positions they set up defensive positions in the vicinity of (DT0662399) and remained until 1300 hours on the 14th, at which time they continued their assault towards Hill 1220. Sporadic counter attacks were received and repulsed and the First Battalion continued its advance against the stubbornly resisting enemy, and by 1800 hours, on the 14th of October the lead elements had seized ledge vicinity of (DT048401) at which time they set up a defense perimeter for the night. On 16 October one platoon size combat patrol was dispatched at 0815 hours for objective Hill 1090. This patrol sighted unknown number of enemy in the vicinity of (DT054425) and at 1020 hours the patrol withdrew placing artillery with excellent results. At 1255 hours Company B patrol received company size counter attack from vicinity (DT052420), it withdrew 200 yards and placed 57mm Rifle fire on enemy with unknown results, it then closed into its positions and remained the night. Again on 17 October, patrols were dispatched, sighting many enemy bunkers in the vicinity of (DT055422) and (DT055427) they placed artillery with excellent results and counted eight enemy killed in action, then returned to their lines. Ambush points were placed during the night and returned after relative quiet night to friendly positions. On 18 October, commencing at 0530 hours, the 38th Regiment was relieved by the 8th Republic of Korea Division. At 0700 hours,
on the 19th of October the First Battalion departed previous reported positions and closed new position vicinity of (DT165229) at 1015 hours.

On the 13th and 14th the Second Battalion was located in Regimental Reserve. On the 15th it delivered a full battalion load of ammunition to forward positions of the Third Battalion in support of assault on Hill 1220. On the 15th the Second Battalion's 81mm mortar section reinforced the fires of the Third Battalion mortar section. Again on the 16th the Second Battalion delivered ammunition to support force vicinity (DT055382). On the 18th they were relieved and closed in their new assembly area in the vicinity of (DT176255) at 1615 hours.

During the period 13 through 18 October 1951, the Third Battalion, after remaining in assembly area on the 13th without incident, moved from vicinity (DT107774), minus Company L, which remained to carry 4.2 ammunition for Heavy Mortar Company. Companies I and K closed positions in the vicinity of Hill 974, at 1530 hours, on the 14th of October. On the 15th at 0630 hours, the Third Battalion advanced to the vicinity of (DT096377). At 1100 hours the Third Battalion after passing through First Battalion positions, jumped off for their objective, Hill 1220. They continued under relative light resistance and by 1515 hours had seized their objective and no further enemy contact was reported. Throughout the day the tanks firing, in direct support of the Third Battalion, on numerous enemy positions received excellent results. At 2030 hours, Company I made contact with elements of the 10th Republic of Korea Division in the vicinity of (DT099404). No other incident reported from Third Battalion for this day. The Third Battalion dispatched one platoon sized combat patrol at 0800 hours, on the 16th, they reported on objective at 1055 hours, where they captured one (1) enemy wounded in action, returning to their positions spent the night without incident. On the 17th the Third Battalion dispatched one platoon sized combat patrol which reported no enemy contact and returned by 1500 hours, also during the day one squad sized security patrol was dispatched at 0930 hours to DT027419. This squad remained on positions throughout the day reporting back at 1500 hours, reporting no enemy observed. Ambush
points were dispatched at 1900 hours, however, no enemy was observed and on the 18th the Third Battalion was relieved and closed into their assembly area at 1630 hours.

The Netherlands Detachment was detached from the 38th Infantry Regiment effective 0600 hours, on 18 October 1951.

On the 19th the Regiment moved from Hangyong-Go (DT122303) to Musuam (DT176255), the First Battalion reported their position in the vicinity of (DT165229), Third Battalion at (DT176249), Medical Company at (DT170230), Second Battalion no change, and the Regimental Headquarters was located at (DT176255).

At 0800 hours, on 20 October, Company G moved from Battalion area to relieve Company B, 32nd Infantry as IX Corps Command Post Security.

One platoon from Company I departed from battalion area to ASP #2, vicinity (DT062272) to relieve elements of 702d Ordnance acting as security guard. Company I platoon was relieved at 1730 hours on 21 October and returned to battalion assembly area at 1900 hours.

The remainder of the regiment remained on positions and continued training in care of clothing and equipment and improvement of positions, from 19 to 21 October 1951.

On the 22nd of October the Second Division assumed Corps Reserve positions and the regiment moved to the following positions: The First Battalion new position was (CT875185), Second Battalion at (CT895165), Third Battalion (CT860195), Heavy Mortar Company (CT858163), Tank Company (CT860169), Medical Company (CT863173), Service Company (CT845123), and Regimental Headquarters (CT840118).

From 22 to 31 October the Regiment made thorough reconnaissances of assigned blocking positions and developed plans for implementing Corps Reserve mission and conducted the following training: Supply economy, care and cleaning of equipment, physical training, preparation of positions, improving present areas, cold weather training, bunker construction, familiarization firing, squad tactics, weapons training night tactics, first aid and map reading.

THE END

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HEADQUARTERS 38TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
APO 248, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

8 November 1951

SUBJECT: S-1 Evaluation for 1 Thru 31 October 1951

TO: The Commanding Officer
38th Infantry Regiment
APO 248

SECTION I - STRENGTH

The average daily strength for the period ending 31 October 1951, was 4,290 officers and enlisted men, this total is the sum of all US, Netherlands, ROK, and attached personnel. The following recapitulation is a break-down of personnel for this organization and attachments:

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Gains US Only: 592
Losses US Only: 274

Replacements: 592
Hospital Returnees: 229
Casualties: 772
Total: 994

*Reflects only those whose records have been shipped.

SECTION II - REPLACEMENTS

Although the flow of replacements coming into the regiment has increased during the period, there continues to be a noticeable shortage of medical specialists. However, there has been a large influx of senior non-commissioned officers holding other specialist MOS's in which difficulties are being experienced in their effective utilization.

SECTION III - DISCIPLINE

During the period, a total of six men were reported AWOL, three of whom were reported at beginning of period. Of this number, four were returned to their respective units for proper disciplinary action. The other two being dropped from rolls in accordance with existing regulations.

Ineffective courts-martial procedure is noticeable due to the laxity of expediting the preparation and completion of courts-martial. The sentencing of court martial prisoners to infantry line companies tends to place a stigma on those units. It is felt that more consideration be used in the sentencing of future court martial prisoners to good conduct.
SECTION IV - PRISONERS OF WAR

Fifty-nine prisoners of war were captured and evacuated during this period.

SECTION V - BURIAL AND GRAVE REGISTRATION

The Grave Registration Unit continued to operate in a superior manner having evacuated a total of ninety-one remains during the period. Sixty-six of this number were 38th Infantry personnel.

SECTION VI - MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

Eighteen officers and two-hundred enlisted men departed and returned from Rest and Recuperation in Japan, this has proven to be one of the major morale factors afforded the regiment.

A total of two-hundred and forty-three awards were approved for the regiment during the period. This shows a definite increase which reflects the recent policy change concerning preparation and processing of recommendations. At the end of the period, two-hundred and seventy-three awards were pending approval.

Ninety-eight movies were shown all receiving excellent attendance.

The Regimental Chaplains held a total of twenty-nine church services during the period.

Excellent relationship continues between the Red Cross Representative and personnel of the Regiment. He materially assisted in alleviating the critical writing paper shortage by distributing 40,000 sheets of stationary and 20,000 air mail envelopes. Also, 104 individual assistance cases were acted on during the month.

The Regimental money order team visiting the companies of the Regiment and has added a welcome facility to the troops and expedites by several days the sending of money to their families. The Regimental mail section handled $201,781.79 during the period. The Regimental mail facilities are made available to all personnel of the Regimental Combat Team.

Oran K. Henderson
Captain Infantry
Adjutant
7 November 1951

SUBJECT: S-2 Evaluation for period of 1 thru 31 October 1951

TO: Commanding Officer
38th Infantry

1. The period consisted of two phases. During the period 1-18 October the 38th Infantry attacked enemy positions to secure the high ground just south of MUNJONG-RI and west of "Heart Break Ridge", D/F1438. Enemy units in contact were the V NK Corps and 68th CCF Army. The latter half of the period was utilized in training and resupply of the Regiment.

2. The enemy, from well dug-in emplacements, continued to defend his positions until annihilated or his positions were completely destroyed. During the attacking period friendly artillery was having little success destroying the emplacements which were well prepared with overhead cover of five to six feet of rock, legs, and sand. In order to overcome this situation, the 38th Infantry employed tanks deep within the enemy's lines and firing direct fire into the embrasures. Tank fire was very effective, causing enemy troops to panic and pull out of their holes at which time artillery was placed with excellent results.

3. The main avenues of approach were heavily mined with both AP and AT mines. AP mines were easily detected as they were placed in the open with no thought of concealing them, consequently, they were ineffective. AT mines, though well dug in and placed along the shoulders of the MSR, were ineffective for members of the Regiment had learned from past experience, and were now keeping their vehicles well inside of the shoulders.

4. Prior to our attacks the enemy resorted to shifting tactics. His defense line was thoroughly dug-in, however, due to lack of strength, he was unable to man all positions simultaneously. He would man and defend a given hill one day and the next would shift his forces to another. On one occasion, the 38th took advantage of his tactics by dispatching a patrol to a previously heavily defended hill and discovered that it was not manned. A company quickly reinforced the patrol, and the hill was taken with no casualties.

5. Enemy artillery and mortar fire continued to be the most effective weapons employed against the 38th Infantry. In many cases after an objective had been taken, friendly troops could not dig in because of the rock formation in the area. Immediately after seizing these hills, the enemy would pour very heavy
artillery and mortar on friendly troops.

6. Casualties, along with Rotation, took a heavy toll of the experienced Intelligence personnel and it was necessary that new men be trained. Upon arriving in our reserve area, a concentrated Intelligence course was set up by both Division and Regiment that included training in the following subjects: Map and Compass reading, Scouting and Patrolling, OP Operation, Radio and Telephone Procedure, Shelling Reports, Collection and Reporting of Information, Mines and Booby Traps, Handling of P.O.W., and a four hour course on Photo Interpretation.

John Valentine
Maj, Infantry
S-3 Evaluation for period 1-31 October 1951

TO: Commanding Officer
38th Infantry Regiment
APO 243

During the period 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1951, the 38th Infantry successfully conducted coordinated attacks on one mountainous complex. Plans were released well in advance of D-Day allowing unit commanders sufficient time for planning and preparation for the attack. Patrols dispatched prior to the attack to determine the positions of the enemy in several instances, seized initial battalion objectives without contact.

As in previous attacks fire support teams were organized and placed under operational control of the regiment, thus giving all the fire of the supporting weapons in the regiment to the attacking unit, without the burden of control and supply on that unit. Use of the supporting fire team has led to the policy of assigning sectors of fire, delivering large volumes of fire in preparation and maintaining continuous fire during the advance. On this terrain, where maneuver is restricted by narrow ridges and deep defiles, this employment of supporting fires has become extremely effective. Fire support became more effective as assault troops gained more skill in pointing out targets. The most successful method was in the use of Armor Piercing Incendiary ammunition for the machine guns, both 50 and 30 caliber, because it affords the gunner the opportunity of pointing out targets without disclosing his position.

Terrain permitted the use of Tank-Infantry teams which heretofore have not been used in attacks by the regiment. This was significant in the fact that they were able to get in rear of enemy positions and destroy the well constructed bunkers and cut enemy resupply and reinforcements. Consequently, assault troops were able to concentrate on the enemy immediately to their front and were not subjected to the large volumes of mortar fire they received earlier in the period.

During the period 22 Oct to 31 Oct, the 38th Infantry was again confronted with the problem of integrating replacements into the units.
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Vigorous training schedule was initiated so as to adequately train all individual soldiers and units in basic infantry principles for future operations.

Richard A. Koldenhoven
RICHARD A. KOLDENHOVEN
Captain, Infantry
Actg S-3
SUBJECT: Evaluation

TO: The Commanding Officer
38th Infantry Regiment
APO 248
ATTN: S-2

1. During the month of October an SOP for the maintenance of supply records was drawn up and approved prescribing the supply procedure to be followed within this Regiment.

2. Transportation continued to be the main logistical problem due to the extra heavy commitments on vehicles required by the numerous moves of the Regiment. Maximum effort was made to deadline all vehicles for regularly scheduled maintenance work.

3. As a possible solution to the mounting transportation difficulties Division is attempting to arrange a replacement issue of reconditioned vehicles for those most uneconomically repairable. Roughly 40% of the unit vehicles, all types, were declared replaceable under this program.

4. Shortage of new or replacement generators was explained at the periodic supply meeting held at Division as being due to the fact that the Division is considerably overstrength in generators at the present time. Pressure is being used to convince higher headquarters that the need for generators is still very real in the division.

5. The fact that two of the three regimental shower units have broken down and are at present in the hands of the Engineers was explained at the supply meeting as being due to the experimental nature of the shower units. The units were shipped over to Korea on a one-time issue basis only with no provisions made for maintenance and spare parts. A chemical decontaminating unit has been attached to the Regiment and is serving very satisfactorily as a twelve head shower unit.

6. A quartermaster tent repair and re-waterproofing team has been
In addition another quartermaster team has surveyed the tentage on hand and has declared unserviceable the following tentage for which replacement can be requisitioned:

- 27 Squad
- 18 Pyramidal
- 2 Large Wall
- 1 Small Wall
- 1 Hexagonal
- 5 CP

7. A request for an extra issue of hot liquids during the winter months initiated by this office was disapproved by Division G-4. The reason stated was that quartermaster had planned automatic increases in the items requested for cold weather.

8. A metal chevron has been made in Japan and is being circulated through the unit in an attempt to discover the enlisted men's reaction to this type of insignia in lieu of the cloth type. The metal chevron has the obvious advantage of precluding the necessity of sewing on and removing the chevrons from each article of clothing for laundering, thereby greatly reducing the wear and tear on the clothing as well as reducing the loss of the cloth chevrons themselves.

9. The statement of charges report for the month of October revealed the following:
   a. A total of $524.30 was reimbursed the government during the month of October for equipment lost, damaged or destroyed through the fault or neglect of individuals.

10. Items which remained in short supply during October:
   a. Axe handles - not available through either Engineer or Quartermaster.
   b. Grease pencils - not available through either Engineer or Quartermaster.
   c. 75mm RR HE ammunition. Temporarily in short supply at the ASP due to the large demand for this type ammunition on the part of the Regimental support teams. This Regiment's large scale use of fire support should be recognized and allowed for by Division in stocking surge points.
for its support.

d. Water cans became critical due to the fact that during the last operation there was no water available to the troops except what could be hauled to the front lines in water cans. The shortage speedily became very obvious and acute.

e. Guidons on requisition for better than 100 days failed to arrive nor was any future date of arrival available. A certificate of non-availability has been requested.

11. The Regimental Graves Registration section received, processed and sent ninety-one (91) bodies to Division Quartermaster.

12. Battle field losses - see attached sheets.

William P. DeBrooke
Captain Infantry
S-4
8 November 1951

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SUBJECT: Commander's Evaluation for period of 1 thru 31 October 1951

TO: The Commanding General
Second Infantry Division
APO 248

During the first eighteen (18) days of the period the Regiment was engaged in offensive operations against the enemy on "Kim Il Sung Ridge" (DT1136 - DT0440). The most significant point of this action was the fact that the mission and terrain permitted the maximum use of supporting troops and weapons. Avenues of approach were heavily mined with both anti-personnel and anti-tank mines. While the anti-personnel mines were relatively ineffective, the anti-tank mines were effective in that they hindered operations and damaged a few vehicles in the Regiment. The enemy's demolition program was the most effective part of his engineer effort. Well placed craters in defiles required a considerable amount of work to repair, even for one way tank traffic. Both the minefields and craters were covered by artillery and mortar fire which further hampered removal of these obstacles. However, two companies of engineers, working round-the-clock, were able to clear a path through to the Mundung-Ni valley (DT1138 - DT1042) under the cover of infantry and over-watching tanks. Ample time was allowed for planning and preparation of the operation; consequently, maximum coordination was effected and ammunition was stockpiled in quantity for the supporting weapons. This also enabled subordinate commanders to reconnoiter and to send patrols out to determine the enemy's disposition. In some instances, these patrols found initial battalion objectives unoccupied. Additional troops were rushed up to take advantage of this by digging in on the unoccupied positions.
Initially, the 38th Infantry was opposed by elements of the V North Korean Corps who resisted with the typical suicide defense. One by one the hostile bunkers were destroyed by direct fire from the regimental tank company and by grenade throwing infantrymen. Fire support teams, operating under a regimental fire control center, swept the ridges with heavy volumes of fire immediately forward of assault troops. When targets became obscured by the smoke and haze of the battle, machine guns, firing belted armor piercing incendiary ammunition, were used to designate targets to these teams. This method was found to be most effective because it afforded the gunner a means of pointing out targets with long bursts of fire without disclosing his position. Further, the gunners of the fire support teams were able to "lay" on the strike of the armor piercing incendiary shells when they could not distinguish the actual target through the gun sights.

Elements of the attached tank battalion and a company of infantry broke through into the Mundung-Ni valley on the sixth day of the attack while CCF troops were attempting to relieve the battered remnants of the North Korean forces in that area. This tank-infantry team was successful in getting behind the enemy positions, thereby cutting his supply line, destroying mortars, forcing artillery to displace to the rear, and causing panic and disorganization in general. These thrusts materially reduced the volume of mortar and artillery fire falling on the troops attacking up the ridge line.

As the attack progressed west along the ridge line the hand-carry supply line lengthened until it was impossible to logistically maintain the impetus of the attack with the available native carriers. The reserve battalion was ordered to carry ammunition and water to the lead battalion. The turn around time for this resupply effort was approximately ten hours. Therefore, this battalion was not an effective tactical unit for that period of time. However, it was a calculated risk taken by the commander which proved highly successful. The final objective was seized on the tenth day of the attack.
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The last nine (9) days of the period were spent in Corps reserve, with the Regiment engaged in retraining and rehabilitation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Albert E. Milloy
Lt Col Infantry
Executive Officer
S-3 MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1951

The 3rd Bn, and Neth Det completed 7 day precombat training, held Command Inspections on 01L300I Oct 51, and 03L300I Oct 51 respectively.

The 1st Bn remained in Pan Vic Hill 868, DT1738, without incident until 03 Oct 51, was relieved by Elms of the 5th ROKs. The 1st Bn moved into area Vic DT136334, and closed at 04 Oct 51.

The 2d Bn moved from position Vic DT131278, and closed in new area Vic DT114312, 03 Oct 51.

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The 38th Hq Co, and attached units moved from Pans Vic DT176255 in the lower MUNDUNG-NI Valley, from 01 to 05 Oct 51. The 38th Fwd Cp was Loc Vic DT087309.

The 1st and 2nd Bn's dispatched Bats on 05 Oct 51. A Co Pat departed at 0730 Hrs at 1500 Hrs and advanced to Vic DT138370 W/ne En contact. Pat placed Arty and 57 RR causing En fire to cease. Pat was joined by advancing elements of the 1st Bn.

E Co combat Pat departed at 0515 Hrs, and by 0900 Hrs Pat was Recd Hv MG, and S/A fire Vic DT115364. Pat placed Arty and 57 RR causing En fire to cease. Pat attempted to move Fwd, Rec Hv En fire, Pat remained in Psn, was joined by E Co at 2050 Hrs. The remainder of the night was W/O incident.

The 1st Bn jumped off 052100I Oct 51, 061315I Oct 51 had taken Obj C Vic DT1237, was Rec sporadic Mort, and MG fire. 1st Bn extended their Fans to the NE to tie in W/Elsms of 23d Inf. At 071630I Oct 51, the 1st Bn was relieved of Fans by the I&R Plat, and closed into area Vic DT099305.

At 051800I Oct 51, G Co closed into E Co Fans Vic DT112334. At 060600I Oct 51, G Co moved toward Obj X, Vic DT116368, meeting En resistance, by 0845 Hrs had secured Obj X received sporadic MG, and S/A fire. At 061130I Oct 51 G Co was forced to W/D due to Hv En Mort, and S/A fire, returned to Obj X by 1500 Hrs.

The 2nd Bn W/Neth Det 75Mm Flat in Spt, jumped off at 074000I Oct 51, for Obj Y (Hill 636 DT1038). The 2nd Bn's advance was held up due to Hv En A/W, S/A, and Mort fire. At 080530I Oct 51, the 2nd Bn moved Fwd under sporadic En A/W, S/A, and Mort fire, seized Obj Y at 081331I Oct 51.

At 070730I Oct 51, the 3d Bn moved from Assy area Vic DT1627, to Fwd Assy area in the Vic of DT1630, and closed same by 071100I Hrs. At 080600I Oct 51, the 3d Bn moved for Obj 1 Vic DT1039. Throughout advance En Mort, Arty, and Mg fire was Recd. At 092351I Oct 51, an En C/Atk from Hill 905, and 605. Arty was placed W/excellent results, the 3d Bn continued their advance. By 091630I Oct 51, the 3d Bn secured Hill Vic DT109394, the Bns line extended from DT116408 to DT103403.
S-3 MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1951

At 100631 Oct 51, 2nd Tk Bn Attached to 38th moved up MUNDUNG-NI Valley. Throughout the day the Tks fired w/excellent results on observed En targets N, E, and W of the valley. Points reached by Tks were N to the 425 Grid of the MUNDUNG-NI Valley, and W to the 10 Line of the NAE-DONG Valley, received heavy En Arty, Mort, S/A fire throughout the day. The 72nd Tk Bn continued firing on observed En targets in upper MUNDUNG-NI Valley, and NAE-DONG Valley until 12 Oct 51 when attached to 23d Inf.

At 090400I Oct 51, the 2d Bn moved out W/F Co leading, from Vic Hill 636 DT1038 towards Obj Vic DT095390. F Co progressed to DT095389, were engaged W/En in hand to hand combat. F Co continued assault, 1830 hrs, received a Catk W/d to Vic DT096389, where 2d Bn established a perimeter of Def for the night.

At 100900I Oct 51, the 2d Bn moved out to secure Hill 905, received Hv En Catks employing S/A, HG, and Mort fire, W/D to positions Vic DT096389, formed Def Posts. On 110630I Oct 51, the 2d Bn moved Fwd, and at 110900I Oct 51 secured Hill 905. At 1300hrs the 2d Bn was relieved of positions Vic Hill 905, by the 1st Bn, moved to Assy area Vic DT112354.

The 3d Bn in Fans DT116408 to DT103403, moved out at 100630I Oct 51. I Co moved out for Obj Vic DT104403, with L Co following at 0930 hrs. I and L advanced under Hv En S/A, MG, and Arty fire, by 1545 hrs secured Obj. The 3d Bn extended Fans from Hill 605, to DT114407, tying W/ Elms of 23d Regt on the right flank, and Neth Det on the left.

The ND moved into Fans Vic DT098397 to DT096395, at 111445I Oct 51, B Co jumped off from Ist Bns' Fans Vic 905 to seize Obj Vic DT079395. After engaging W/En in S/A and HG fire B Co seized Obj at 1715 hrs. The 1st Bn contacted the Neth Det on the right flank, and maintained contact W/t the I & R Plat, which was in position in SANGAN-NAE Valley Vic DT0938.

At 121300I Oct 51, the 1st Bn jumped off for Obj Hill 974, and secured same by 1500 hrs against En S/A and A/W fire. The 1st Bn advanced towards Hill 1060, by 1530 hrs were in Vic DT002399, formed defense Fans, extending 1200 Yds along the ridge SW of their Fwd Fans where they tied W/ the Neth Det.

The 1st Bn was held up on 13 Oct, due to Hv En resistance, on 141300I Oct 51, the 1st Bn jumped off from Vic DT058399, for the assault of Hill 1220, advanced under a heavy S/A, A/W MG fire, HG, and sporadic Mortar fire from well dug in, and fortified En. Sporadic Catks were received, and repulsed, friendly forces advanced on a stubbornly resisting En. By 141700I Oct 51, Lead Elms seized ledge Vic DT042401, remained for the night.

The 3d Bn (-) closed into Fans Vic Hill 974, on 141530I Oct 51, at 151100I Oct 51, the 3rd Bn passing through the 1st Bns' Fans, jumped off for Obj Hill 1220, and seized Obj Hill 1220.

The 2d Bn carried a full load of Am to Fwd Fans of the 3rd Bn in Spt of the 3rd Bns' assault of Hill 1220. The 1st Bn employed Hv Wpns Co to Spt 3rd Bn by fire on assault of Hill 1220. At 152030 hrs, I Co tied in with Elms of 10 ROts in Vic DT039404.
S-3 MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1951

The 38th Co dispatched Tk Platoons to the Vic SANGGON-BEA, MUNDUNG-HI and NAEDONG Valleys in support of forces attacking up the ridge line NE from Hill 905 to Hill 1220, and Fire on observed targets in their Vic, from 9 Oct thru 15 Oct with excellent results.

Combat and Recon Platoons were dispatched daily by the 1st, 3rd Bn's and the Neth Det, from 15 to 18 Oct, in an effort to locate En N of the 38th Inf Platoons. Amb Platoons were dispatched daily.

At 1806001 Oct 51, the Neth Det was detached from the 38th Inf control. The 1st and 3d Bns were relieved on line by Elms of the 10th ROKs at 1810001 Oct 51 and by 1630 hrs the 3d Bn closed in Assy area Vic DT113351, 1st Bn in Assy area Vic DT091508.

On 19 Oct 51, the 38th Regt, and attached units moved from Pans in the lower MUNDUNG-HI Valley, to Pans held at the beginning of Oct 51 at MUSUMAK area, the 38th Inf Regt closed into same by 1914301 Oct 51.

The 38th Inf Regt was engaged in reorganization and rehabilitation, and care and cleaning of equipment during 20 and 21 Oct 51.

On 2008001 Oct 51 G Co moved from Bn Area to Rel B Co 32d Inf as IX Corp CP security. Relief completed 1730 hours.

On 2205001 Oct 51, the 38th Inf Regt moved from Pans Vic MUSUMAK, into the 9th Corps sector, Vic CT840113 HAWCHON area, all closed by 2213451 Oct 51. The 38th Regt CP was located Vic CT840118.

38th Regt remained in IX Corps Reserve continued training fr 22 Oct 51.

On 3112001 Oct 51 G Co was relieved L Co, 23rd Regt. G Co Dopted 1210 hrs, closed Bn Area at 2030 hrs.

RICHARD A. KOLDENHOVEN
Capt, Infantry
Asst S-3
SUMMARY
04 Oct 51

1 sqd size pat dispatched to Hill 485 at 0530; neg contact. At 1330, a reinforced platoon dispatched to hill and at 1430 hrs the rest of F Co moved onto hill. Move completed by 1515 hrs; neg contact. Heavy arty fire was received in the Rest'l sector during period.

SUMMARY
05 Oct 51

2 sqd size patrols dispatched from 1st Bn at 0730 hrs. Completed pat w/ neg contact.

2nd Bn dispatched combat pat to Obj X at 0515 hrs. Pat rec'd MG and S/A fire 100 yds south of 1st knob Obj X at 0845 hrs. Rec'd MG and S/A fire frrom en vic DT115368 at 0940 hrs. Placed arty and 57RR on en. At 1130 hrs pat reached 2nd knob Obj X. Rec'd hvy AW fire. Remainder of pat moving to support. Pat digging in vic DT115366 at 1650 hrs.

SUMMARY
06 Oct 51

2nd Bn rec'd MG and S/A fire at 0930 hrs. At 1405 hrs patrols from 2nd Bn detained by hvy S/A and mort fire. Due to hvy vol of arty and mort fire, elms of 2nd Bn pulled back and rejoined by patrols. W/D to pens vic DT114368-115368. By 1500 hrs unit regained pens vic DT114370-115371.

ENEMY LOSSES DURING PERIOD:

KIA (Counted) : 3  WIA (Counted) : 0
KIA (Est) : 10  WIA (Est) : Unk
PW : 4

SUMMARY
07 Oct 51

Elms of 2nd Bn made cont at 0640 hrs, after jumping off at 0400 hrs. Rec'd hvy vol S/A and A/W fire. At 1445 hrs elms forced to W/D 400-500 yds due to intense S/A, A/W and mort fire. Contact continued until 1500 hrs.

ENEMY LOSSES DURING PERIOD:

KIA (Counted) : 15  WIA (Counted) : Unk
KIA (Est) : 16  WIA (Est) : 90
PW : 0
SUMMARY
08 Oct 51

At 0530 hrs attk elms of 2nd Bn jumped off and at 0645 hrs were recov hvy MG fire. Cont to advance at 0755 hrs. under hvy S/A, A/W, arty and mort fire. At 1510 hrs elms had seized Hill 626 and were mopping up.

Elms of 3rd Bn jumped off at 0400 hrs and were meeting light res at 0755 hrs. Rec'd sporadic arty and mort fire at 0845 hrs. Elms cont to advance and seized Obj.1 by 1735 hrs. Pat met light res enroute. Arrived pre-determined destination 1830 hrs. Pinned down by MG fire at end of period.

SUMMARY
09 Oct 51

Fpwd elms 2nd Bn jumped off 0400 hrs and advanced under S/A, A/W, and MG fire. At 1655 hrs, rec'd light S/A and A/W fire and some HG. Elms engaged in hand to hand fighting W/ unk no en. C/ attk from right flank at 1900 hrs and driven back 75 yds; where they dug in for the night.

I Co pat, dispatched 08 Oct 51, remained in bunkers. Rec'd hvy MG fire until evening of 09 Oct 51, when they were able to W/D to friendly lines; closing to friendly cans at 2200 hrs. Fpwd elms 2nd Bn jumped off in attk at 0910 hrs. Advanced under hvy S/A and A/W fire until 1630 hrs, when lead elms rec'd light C/ attk from North. C/ attk stopped and advance continued at 1730 hrs. Advanced under hvy S/A, A/W and MG fire until 1845 hrs, when friendly elms disengaged and formed perimeter.

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SUMMARY
10 Oct 51

At 0445 hrs Fpwd elms of 2nd Bn rec'd light probe, lasting approx 15 min. At 0630 hrs leading elms of Regt mvd fwd in attk, recov hvy bol mort, S/A and A/W fire from unk no en who C/ attk friendly forces. Advance cont 1300 hrs under hvy vol mort and MG fire and at 1900 hrs friendly elms disengaged and formed perimeter.

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SUMMARY

11 Oct 51

At 0900 hrs advancing elms 2nd Bn secured Hill 905, vic DT0838. Capt 3 84mm mort., numerous S/A's and HG's. At 1445 hrs fwd elms 1st Bn jumped off and were heavily engaged by 1630 hrs, vic DT0839, by unk no en employing S/A, A/W, HG and mort. Friendly elms continued to advance against stiff res and secured obj by 1715 hrs. Were forming defensive perim at close of period.

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SUMMARY

12 Oct 51

Fwd elms of 1st and 3rd Bns rec'd light probes between hrs of 0430 and 0630. After brief fire fight, en W/D. At 1300 hrs 1st Bn (-) jumped off. Rec'd light S/A and A/W fire vic DT0739 and action continued until 1800 hrs. Formed perimeter at close of period.

At 0755 hrs 1st Bn dispatched reinforced plat combat pat. Pat rec'd S/A from en in bunkers at 1007 hrs and W/D, placing arty W/-unk results. At 1030 hrs pat closed friendly pans.

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SUMMARY

13 Oct 51

Elms 1st Bn rec'd light probe at 0130 hrs and en W/D after brief fire fight. At 0610 hrs group en engaged in brief fire fight by elms 1st Bn. Result: 8 en KIA. At 1000 hrs elms 1st Bn moved out and were engaged at 1030 hrs by S/A, A/W and HG. Action cont hvy at 1505 hrs, vic DT0639, with close-in fighting. At 1740 hrs 1st Bn broke contact and moved into defensive pans.

At 1010 hrs 38th Tank Co rec'd hvy fire vic DT0640 and could not advance. Tnsk re-supplied and returned to fire on same pans. Returned to assy area at close of period.

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SUMMARY

14 Oct 51

Lead elms 1st Bn jumped off in attk at 1300 hrs and advanced under very hvy vol of S/A, A/W and MG, many HG's and moderate mort. Repulsed sporadic C/ attks and continued to advance, capturing ledge vic DT0440 at 1700 hrs. At 1800 hrs friendly elms broke contact and formed perimeter.

At 0800 hrs lead elms of ND moved frwd under cover of arty to seize Hill 841 at 1430 hrs, meeting light resistance. Established defensive perimeter.

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SUMMARY

15 Oct 51

At 1100 hrs frwd elms 3rd Bn jumped off and advanced against light S/A and A/W fire. At 1515 hrs elms seized Hill 1260 against moderate S/A, A/W and HG.

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SUMMARY

16 Oct 51

At 1745 hrs lst Bn caught 30 en moving vic DT0541. Arty placed w/ excelent results.

At 0815 hrs plat sized combat pat dispatched from lst Bn. At 0950 hrs pat placedarty on unk no en w/ unk results. At 1300 hrs pat rec'd go size C/ attk and W/D, under S/A, MG and mort fire. Pat closed in at 0400 hrs. At 1310 hrs ND dispatched plat sized ambush pat. Contact neg at close of period.

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SUMMARY

17 Oct 51

At 0455 hrs pat dispatched by ND at 161910-1 Oct 51 engaged in brief fire fight vic DT0740. Retd 0600 hrs w/ no further contact. At 0800 hrs ND dispatched plat size combat pat. At 1-15 hrs pat sighted est 1½ companies and placed arty w/ unk results. Retd at 1630 hrs w/ neg contact. At 0930 hrs 1st Bn dispatched plat size combat pat. At 1015 hrs pat vic DT0541 observed many occupied bunkers in vic. Placed arty, knocking out 5 bunkers. Pat retd at 1300 hrs w/ neg contact. At 1915 hrs ND dispatched ambush pat. In psns <050 hrs.

ENEMY LOSSES DURING PERIOD:

KIA (Counted) : 11  WIA (Counted) : 0
KIA (Est) : 20  WIA (Est) : 35
PW : 6

18 Oct 51

Pat dispatched 171915-1 Oct 51 by ND, sighted 6 CCF's at 0300 hrs and fired on them w/ unk results. Pat retd w/ no further contact.

ENEMY LOSSES DURING PERIOD:

KIA (Counted) : 0  WIA (Counted) : 0
KIA (Est) : 0  WIA (Est) : 0
PW : 1

19 Oct 51-24 Oct 51 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

In Reserve
S-3 MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1951

The 3rd Bn, and Neth Det completed 7 day precombat training, held Command Inspections on 011300! Oct 51, and 031300! Oct 51 respectively.

The 1st Bn remained in Pan Vic Hill 868, DT1738, without incident until 03 Oct 51, was relieved by Elms of the 5th ROKs. The 1st Bn moved into area Vic DT16334, and closed at 04 Oct 51.

The 2d Bn moved from position Vic DT131278, and closed in new area Vic DT14312, 03 Oct 51.

F Co 2d Bn dispatched a 2 Sqd size Pat at 040500! Oct 51, to reconnoiter Hill 485 (Vic DT1235). Bat accomplished mission and remained in position.

The 38th Hq Co, and attached units moved from Psns Vic DT176255 in the lower MUNDUNG-NI Valley, from Ol to 05 Oct 51. The 38th Fwd Cp was Loc Vic DT087309.

The 1st and 2nd Bn's dispatched Pats on 05 Oct 51. A Co Pat departed at 0730 Hrs at 1500 Hrs and advanced to Vic DT138370 W/ne En contact. Pat in position was joined by advancing elements of the 1st Bn.

E Co combat Pat departed at 0515 Hrs, and by 0900 Hrs Pat was Rec'd Hv Mg, and S/A fire Vic DT15364. Pat placed Arty and 57 RR causing En fire to cease. Pat attempted to move Fwd, Rec Hv En fire, Pat remained in Pos, was joined by E Co at 2050 Hrs. The remainder of the night was W/O incident.

The 1st Bn jumped off 052100I Oct 51, 061315! Oct 51 had taken Obj C Vic DT1237, was Rec sporadic Mrt, and Mg fire. 1st Bn extended their Fns to the NE to tie in w/Elms of 23d Inf. At 071630I Oct 51, the 1st Bn was relieved of Fns by the I&R Plt, and closed into area Vic DT093305.

At 051800! Oct 51, G Co closed into E Co Fns Vic DT112334. At 060600I Oct 51, E Co moved toward Obj X, Vic DT116368, meeting En resistance, by 0845 Hrs had secured Obj X received sporadic Mg, and S/A fire. At 061130! Oct 51 E Co was forced to W/D due to Hv En Mrt, and S/A fire, returned to Obj X by 1500 Hrs.

The 2nd Bn W/Neth Det 75MM Plt in Spt, jumped off at 070400I Oct 51, for Obj Y (Hill 636 DT1038). The 2nd Bns' advance was held up due to Hv En A/W, S/A, and Mrt fire. At 080530I Oct 51, the 2nd Bn moved Fwd under sporadic En A/W, S/A, and Mrt fire, seized Obj Y at 083131I Oct 51.

At 070730! Oct 51, the 3d Bn moved from Assy area Vic DT1627, to Fwd Assy area in the Vic of DT1630, and closed same by 071110I Hrs. At 080600I Oct 51, the 3d Bn moved for Obj J Vic DT1039. Throughout advance En Mrt, Arty, and Mg fire was Rec'd. At 091235! Oct 51, an EN C/Atk from Hill 905, and 605. Arty was placed W/excellent results, the 3d Bn continued their advance. By 091630I Oct 51, the 3d Bn secured Hill Vic DT100394, the Bns line extended from DT16408 to DT103403.
S-3 MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1951

At 100615I Oct 51, 72nd Tk Bn Attached to 38th moved up MUNDUNG-NI Valley. Throughout the day the Tks fired w/excellent results on observed En targets N, E, and W of the valley. Points reached by Tks were N to the 245 Grid of the MUNDUNG-NI Valley, and W to the 10 Line of the NAE-DONG Valley, received heavy En Arty, Mort, S/A fire throughout the day. The 72nd Tk Bn continued firing on observed En targets in upper MUNDUNG-NI Valley, and NAE-DONG Valley until 1200 Oct 51 when attached to 23d Inf.

At 090400I Oct 51, the 2d Bn moved out W/ F Co leading, from Vic Hill 636 DT1038 towards Obj Vic DT095390. F Co progressed to DT095389, were engaged W/ En in hand to hand combat. F Co continued assault, 1830 hrs, received a Catk W/d to Vic DT096389, where 2d Bn established a perimeter of Def for the night.

At 100900I Oct 51, the 2d Bn moved out to secure Hill 905, received Hv En Catks employing S/A, Hg, and Mort fire, W/d to positions Vic DT096389, formed Def Pans. On 110630I Oct 51, the 2d Bn moved Fwd, and at 110900I Oct 51 secured Hill 905. At 1300 hrs the 2d Bn was relieved of positions Vic Hill 905, by the lst Bn, moved to Assay area Vic DT112354.

The 3d Bn in Pans DT116408 to DT103403, moved out at 100630I Oct 51. I Co moved out for Obj Vic DT104403, with L Co following at 0930 Hrs. I and L advanced under Hv En S/A, Mort, and Arty fire, by 1545 Hrs secured Obj. The 3d Bn extended Pans from Hill 605, to DT114407, tying W/ Elms of 23d Regt on the right flank, and Neth Det on the left.

The ND moved into Pans Vic DT098397 to DT096395, at 111445I Oct 51, B Co jumped off from lst Bns' Pans Vic 905 to seize Obj Vic DT079395. After engaging W/ En in S/A and HG fight B Co seized Obj at 1715 Hrs. The 1st Bn contacted the Neth Det on the right flank, and maintained contact Pts W/ the I & R Flat, which was in position in SANGAN-BAE Valley Vic DT0938.

At 122300I Oct 51, the lst Bn jumped off for Obj Hill 974, and secured same by 1500 Hrs against En S/A and A/W fire. The lst Bn advanced towards Hill 1060, by 1830 Hrs were in Vic DT062399, formed defense Pans, extending 1200 Yds along the ridge SW of their Fwd Pans where they tied W/ the Neth Det.

The lst Bn was held up on 13 Oct, due to Hv En resistance, on 141300I Oct 51, the lst Bn jumped off from Vic DT083399, for the assault of Hill 1220, advanced under a heavy S/A, A/W HG fire, Hg, and sporadic Mortar fire from well dug in, and fortified En. Sporadic Catks were received, and repulsed, friendly forces advanced on a stubbornly resisting En. By 141700I Oct 51, Lead Elms seized ledge Vic DT045401, remained for the night.

The 3d Bn (-) closed into Pans Vic Hill 974, on 141530I Oct 51, at 151100I Oct 51, the 3rd Bn passing through the lst Bns' Pans, jumped off for Obj Hill 1220, and seized Obj Hill 1220.

The 2nd Bn carried a full load of Am to Fwd Pans of the 3rd Bn in Spt of the 3rd Bns' assault of Hill 1220. The lst Bn employed Hv Wns Co to Spt 3rd Bn by fire of Hill 1220. At 152030 Hrs, I Co tied in with Elms of 10 ROKs in Vic DT09404.
The 38th Co dispatched Tk Platoons to the Vic SANGGON-BEA, MUNDUNG-NI VAND HARDONG Valleys in support of forces attacking up the ridge line NE from Hill 905 to Hill 1220, and fire on observed targets in their Vic, from 9 Oct thru 15 Oct 51 with excellent results.

Combat and Recon Platoons were dispatched daily by the 1st, 3rd Bns' and the Neth Det, from 15 to 18 Oct, in an effort to locate En N of the 38th Inf Platoons. Amb Platoons were dispatched daily.

At 180600I Oct 51, the Neth Det was detached from the 38th Inf control. The 1st and 3d Bns were relieved on line by Elms of the 10th ROKs at 181000I Oct 51 and by 1630 Hrs the 3d Bn closed in Assy Vic DT113351, 1st Bn in Assy area Vic DT091308.

On 19 Oct 51, the 38th Regt, and attached units moved from Pans in the lower MUNDUNG-NI Valley, to Pans held at the beginning of Oct 51 at MUSUMAK area, the 38th Inf Regt closed into same by 191430I Oct 51.

On 200800I Oct 51 G Co moved from Bn Area to Rel B Co 32d Inf as IX Corp CP security. Relief completed 1730 hours.

On 220500I Oct 51, the 38th Inf Regt moved from Pans Vic MUSUMAK, into the 9th Corps sector, Vic CT840118 BHAGON area, all closed by 221345I Oct 51. The 38th Regt CP was located Vic CT840118.

38th Regt remained in IX Corps Reserve continued training fr 22 Oct 51.

On 311200I Oct 51 G Co was relieved L Co, 23rd Regt. G Co Dpted 1210 hrs, closed Bn Area at 2030 hrs.

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1st Bn 38th Inf
APO 248

JOURNAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1951

The 1st Bn 38th Inf remained in their previously occupied positions from 01 Oct 51 to 03 Oct 51, when the Battalion was relieved by the 5th ROKA Div. They then moved into the training area in the vicinity of Wan-Dong-Ni, North Korea. On 04 October 51, the 1st Bn moved to positions in the vicinity of hill 983 in preparation for planned operations. At 1220 hrs on 06 October 51, the 1st Bn reached the objective (hill 728) even though during the early morning hours terrain features hindered the progress, little opposition was met on the objective. On the following day the forward CP was closed out and the 1st Bn returned to the assembly area, they remained in these positions until 11 Oct 51.

The 1st Bn then moved across the LD into the attack on hill 905, which was secured approximately 8 hours later. The attack was continued the following day against hill 974, A company crossed the LD at 1300 hrs and made contact with an estimated enemy company at coordinates 074396. Hill 974 was secured at 1500 hrs, the companies then proceeded to prepare for the night. On 13 October 1951, C company crossed the LD at 1000 hrs and proceeded to engage the enemy poor visibility coupled with heavy SA and grenade fire rendered C company ineffective. A company pulled through C company, the ass't S3 officer assumed responsibility for C company.

The following day at 1316 hrs, A company moved out in the attack through heavy artillery and mortar fire to secure the objective by 1555 hrs. These positions were improved and occupied, and patrol actions carried out until the 1st Bn was relieved by the ROKA on 17 Oct 51. The 1st Bn then moved into the assembly area and remained there for the balance of the month. Training and preparations for future operations were carried out daily for the remainder of the month.
HEADQUARTERS 3RD BATTALION
38TH INFANTRY
APO 248, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

3 November 1951

SUBJECT: Monthly Journal Summary

TO: Commanding Officer
36th Infantry
APO 248, U S Army

1-Recon 27 Repl frm 57 Co. Inj party arr fr Comd Injnp.
2-Impel called fr Einar Ltr fr Lindell C. Sweelin.
3-Impel called fr 2 outstanding En fr Spec Augn't. Impel req
names of officers who have been RQ I Ltr fr or Co Comd fr 6 mos
or more. List to Reg of EM with 35 pts or over.
4-R & R quota-2 Off and 20 T. Impel called fr 1 EM MOS 1012 to trf
to FOGON, send Sgt Frederick Pecko. Impel called fr 1 EM MOS 1743 to
trf to FOGON.
5-Impel called fr Physical Exam Results on E. Gannon.
6-En was alerted to move. Move was cancelled.
7-En ordered to move to new position with trains remaining. Impel
called Einar Ltr fr Franklin McClure.
8-En ordered to move to vic of Chanye-Equak. All Jewish EM live tomorrow
to attend High Holy Days Services.
9-Five copies of Co rosters to Reg by end of month. J. L. Scott, L Co,
ETS Disch 10 Oct 51. No contm frm 1030 to 2400.
10-Comm still out.
11-0330 all available pers to front to help evac dead. Comm thru Idol
and Ivory at 1330. Moved to vic of Jeeck Cheng.
12-C. E. Huff advt to write home. Invest NDC of N. W. Kusyme.
13-Adj mtg at 1200 hrs fr Reg.
14-E. Johnson to Reg 15 Oct fr ETS disch.
15-R & R quota-19 EM.
16-Moved to vic of Sudangol, N. K.
17-Impel called fr 2 vol fr Hon Od. MED funds turned in.
18-Emar Ltr fr Pfc Vernon B. Johnson.
19-Moved to vic of Wantong-ni, N. K.
20-Rotation quota-14 EM's and 16 R's. ETS disch fr John Hopkins.
21-Impel called fr list of MAT's frm 1 to 20 Oct. Section alerted to
move by 0800 hrs.
22-Moved to vic of Song-ni.
23-Adj mtg at 1300 at Reg. Reg req chng of status rpt on Reynaldo F. Ajuno.
24-N.Sgt Shepherd to fr to pers concerning app fr 21 trans. Recon 168
1st Lt fr 36 Co. List of all EM's and all R's with 35 pts to be brought to
Reg.
25-1 NDC and 1 Pvt frm en Co and be Comd to go to div rear fr pers of
Presidential Unit Citation.
26-Pres Ceremony called off. Jewish Svcs tomorrow at Reg Hq.
27-22 EM's and all with 35 pts and over rotated. R & R quota-2 Off and

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29 EM. Impel called fr names of 1 Off and 8 EM fr duty at Kuyng.
28-1 Off and 59 EM rotated. 1 Off and 8 EM left fr 4y with Kuyng.
29-Sgt Holmesapper to rtp to Reg 3-1 this M.
30-Impel called fr us of men with 24 pts. Recon 13 Repl. NDC mtg at
Reg at 2430. A R & R called fr no of men wishing to attend Danny Kaye
Show. Show was later called off until further notice. Lt Nergen to
Courts and Boards tomorrow to investigate case. Class "A" Pay agents
to Reg at 0900 tomorrow.
31-All men in "H" co are to rtp to Div Br fr next Sat morn incal Off. All
EM's (9) rotate tomorrow.

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Adjutant
S-2 Unit Journal Summary
From 010001 to 312400-I Oct 51

Hq 3d Bn, 38th Inf Regt
Sang-Ni, North Korea
CT 861186

From period 010001 to 101830 Oct, Blue Bn made no contact with enemy forces, however, prisoners were brought in and dispositioned during that period as follows: On the date 020900, Oct, "I" Co brought in 2 PWs who were forwarded to Impel POW. On the date 021145, Oct, One PW was captured by "I" Co in the vicinity of "L" Co CP and was forwarded to Ivanhoe. On the date 040815, Oct, "L" Co captured 2 PWs in the vicinity of training area who were taken to Impel. On the date 051000, Oct, A PW was captured by 81 Mortar Section and was turned over to En S-2 for interrogation. PW was from 16th Div, 15th Regt, lst Bn, surrendered because of lack of food and fear of our army. On the date 061000, Oct, "I" Co captured one suspected PW who was delivered to Division. On the date 070930 "I" Co delivered one PW to Blue 2, PW was in turn delivered to Regt. On the date 091530, Oct, "I" Co picked up 4 suspected Chinese PWs. On 10 Oct at approx 1030 hrs 1 NK PW was evacuated through medical channels.

At 101830 Blue Bn received approx 250 to 350 rds of enemy arty and mortar, approx friendly casualty report KIA-8, WIA-14, WIA-2. 110045 Oct, 1 PW brought in from ASP and was taken to Impel; at 0620 "I" Co reported capturing 3 PWs, at 1300 lst Bn forwarded 1 PW through Blue to Impel.

120000 Oct, "K" Co captured 1 PW and at 2000 "L" Co captured 1 PW, both were forwarded to Impel.

130001 to 150900 Oct no contact was made with the enemy.

150900 Oct, Blue was informed by Impel that Impo was sending 2 plat to obj (2) vic DT 071416 and obj (3) vic 062415 at 1000 hrs. At 1030 "I" Co jumped off in attack supported by "K" Co, while "I" Co holds position vic of 05 line. At 1600 "I" Co took obj with neg resistance, made contact with ROK's at 1730. No casualties reported either friendly or enemy in obj of hill 1220. At 1915 "K" Co captured 1 PW. 161000 Oct, Co "I" patrol captured 1 PW (wounded). 170000 Oct, Co "I" patrol captured 1 PW. 181330 Oct, a call from Impel that Blue Bn would be relieved by ROK's at 1200 hrs 18 Oct. At 2030 a red air alert was all clear.

From period 172030 to 312400 Oct, no contact was made with the enemy however on 19 Oct Blue Bn moved into reserve area in the vicinity of DT 179204 and remained until 0530 22 Oct, when Bn closed out of that area. Blue moved into assembly area in the vicinity of Sang-Ni, CT 861186.